

Waterlow Park key views

There are certain key views around the park that should be taken into account when planning works and when planting and cutting trees.

A plan is shown below



In seeking to ensure that key views are open it is important to also not that vegetation, and what vegetation hides, is also important in planning. As an example the park enjoys a 'green fringe' and it is important to maintain this such that visitors feel they have truly entered a green space, an oasis away from the surrounding streets, and not a municipal park that is too visibly bounded by buildings, walls and fences.

Viewpoints

1. The path on the C3 / C1 boundary. Perhaps the single most important view in the park especially in winter when the London skyline is most visible. Tall trees in the lower park affect this view especially a lime in c8 near the aviary (just to the left of centre in the photo).



2. A 'lost' view in the summer from near the hollow oak (d1/ d2 / d4 boundary) over the lower pond towards St Josephs with the church dome reflected in the water. Minor trimming would re-open this view.

3. From the High Street entrance into the park.



4. Over the middle pond towards Lauderdale House. A view that vanishes in the summer and is obscured by branches in winter. Minor clearance of a small area of young growth and some selective branch lopping over the pond would open this up from at least one spot which is all that is needed. To maintain cover for water-fowl and the shady pond edge it is not a good idea to clear too much undergrowth so this needs to be very selective.



5. View over middle pond from the lower end of C3 - C5 boundary path ('top' end of middle pond). This view needs minor removal of some undergrowth to re-instate a clear view of the stone bridge and the historic roof-line beyond. The view shown was taken from a vantage point a little above the path in order to be able to see anything and was the only spot from which a largely uninterrupted view was possible in early November 2011. Again as per cutting back undergrowth around ponds generally only minimal ground impact and scope of works so as not to disturb wildlife.

6. View from stone bridge over middle pond. Needs to be kept unobstructed. There is some undergrowth (ash shoots etc.) to be trimmed back.





7. view over lower pond. Additional trimming of bushes below the cascade will open a view towards the stone bridge. Japanese knotweed to the left of the cascade has been treated and will be removed in due course. On the right of the cascade there are bushes by the edge of the pond which also obscure sight-lines and might possibly be removed or cut back.



8. View from C8 - D4 boundary path over lower pond. This view is now substantially hidden when in leaf - (Note the photo is from 2005.)

Additional to be included (shown as un-numbered stars on the map)..

By the Tennis Courts

Between upper and lower park areas

Around Lauderdale House and of the Formal Garden

At the end of the first path in from the St Josephs gate (towards park and towards 'The Cloisters' at the end of Cromwell Avenue)

From beneath the top pond looking over the fields towards the formal garden wall and St Josephs.

From the lower end of the straight run of the carriageway (lime avenue) and from here toward the play area and ponds

From the lower end of the walk between the old kitchen garden plots

Next steps

Prepare a suggested specific list of work to re-open views over the middle and lower ponds?